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SUPLE BUT IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY IN THE KREMLIN ARMORY.

THE STANDARD WILL BE EMPLOYED AT THE COR-ONATION-REVIEW OF TROOPS ABANDONED -SERVICES IN THE ENG-

LISH CHURCH.

Moscow, May 24.—The interesting ceremony of consecration of the Imperial Standard took this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the armory the Kremlin. This standard will be a feature the coronation on Tuesday, when the Emperor swear allegiance to the colors in the Catheal of the Assumption.

one end of the room was a sort of altar, on was a golden vessel filled with consecrated In the centre was a golden cross, at both of which were lighted candles. The stanand hanging from a staff, was held by a colorare, who stood at the left of the altar. The tope and priests of the Kremlin cathedrals, in chasubles of gold cloth, attended by bearing censors, stood in front of the am, while at the right was the Imperial male of from St. Petersburg, dressed in black, with mon cloaks. Behind the priests, at a little e from them, was the Emperor and all the numbers of the Imperial family present in Mosor, with their respective suites and ladies of onor. A short religious service was held, composed of prayers and responses, and an anthem by the choir. The standard was sprinkled with boly water and formally consecrated by the repolitan of Moscow. At the end of the service, during the singing of the choir, all of the members of the Imperial family filed before the shar and kissed the cross and the hands of the priest who bore it after which the standard was taken from this room to another apartment to be afely guarded until the coronation on Tuesday. After the service the Emperor and Empress drove After the service the Emperor and Empress drove back to the Alexandrina Palace, escorted by a squadron of cuirassiers. They received along the entire route the loyal acclamations of the people. A grand review of all the regiments was to take place here to-day at noon, but as it was saining heavily it was decided to abandon it. Later the run ceased and the sun shone middly. Large crowds of people continue to time daily, adding to the great multitude almit here to witness the ceremonies attending accornation.

ervices were held in the English Church toservices were held in the English Church tois in honor of the seventy-seventh anniversary
if the birth of Queen Victoria. The Duke and
Dechess of Connaught, the former of whom is
tere as the representative of his mother, the
British Queen, attended the services, accomanied by their suites. The Bishop of Peterborough, who will attend the coronation as the
epresentative of the Established Church of Engand, preached the sermon. A prayer was oftered for the preservation of the Russian Imperial family. When the Czar was mentioned a
berald uttered His Majesty's coronation titles.

IS ENGLAND ANXIOUS?

lin, May 24.—The "National Zeitung." in an arow, says it is not without anxiety that England can on toward the immediate future. After the fetes so over, the paper says, the Egyptian question, thich has been tied up for Russia until the Czar is rowned, will become acute under Franco-Russian

RUSHING THE TOBACCO FROM CUBA. IN THOUSAND BALES START FOR FLORIDA TO-DAY-THE BANK OF SPAIN ISSUES

Avana, May 24.-Tobacco exporters, in view of eral Weyler's edict, issued on May 16, prohibtohacco from the provinces rinar del Rio and Havana at the expiration of ten lays from the promutgation of the edict, are hurrying forward their shipments. All steamers leaving his port are everloaded with consignments of obacco for foreign ports, principally those of the Inited States. Six thousand bales will be shipped to Florida ports on Monday. It is believed that the overnment will refuse to extend the time in which shipments can be made.

The Bank of Spain has been authorized to issue notes to the extent of 12,00,000 pesetas, redeemable in silver.

WEYLER'S CRUISER RUNS AGROUND.

ANOVAS SAYS THAT EXISTING TORACCO CON-TRACTS WILL BE RESPECTED.

Madrid, May 24.-A dispatch to the "Imparcial" rom Havana says that the cruiser Ensenada, which left Havana yesterday with Captain-General ng to make a brief inspection of the troops and lefences on the northwest coast, stranded in the utternoon at Cabanas, a short distance to the

thermoon at Cabanas, a short distance to the restward of Havana. Tugs were sent to her assiance. General Weyler and his staff were transerred to another vessel. The damage to the cruiser a not serious.

Prime Minister Canovas del Castillo has ansunced that the United States Government had to formally protested against the decree of Genral Weyler forbidding the export of tobacco from Das, but had inquired as to Spain's intentions egarding existing contracts. These contracts, the time Minister adds, will be respected.

KILLED FOR HIS STAMP COLLECTION. HE MYSTERY OF THE TRAGEDY AT COURVILLE, FRANCE, IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SOLVED. Paris, May 24.-It is believed that the mystery atending the discovery at Courville, near Cherbourg, f the body of a young man in a trunk has been fargueric Dubois, who were arrested at Courville, rith the trunk in their possession, have confessed hat they killed the young man, whose name was clasted, in order to obtain a collection of postage tamps which he owned. The collection was worth

When first taken into custody the couple ex-lained their possession of the body by saying that man mamed Bernard had asked them to take it ith them in order to save the expense of a coffin. hey gave a wrong address as their residence in aris.

ANOTHER GREAT CHESS TOURNAMENT. Berlin, May 24.-A great international chess tourament is to be held at Nuremberg, beginning on uly 29. The first prize will be \$500, the second \$375, ad the third 200, besides which there will be four maller prizes. All of the best European chess states are expected to be present, and it is hoped by leading American chess-players will also take

TROOPS RETURN TO ITALY_ May 24.—Thirty-five battalions of in-may aren battalions of artillery and four coma of cavalry have started on their return to

FOUR DROWNED ON THE YACHT PINSON. Toulog. May 24.—The yacht Pinson foundered off he bort to-day. There were nineteen persons band of her, four of whom were drowned before sistance could reach them.

KOHUKE WAS BOUND TO DIE.

MOMPTED BY JEALOUSY, HE BURNS HIS HOUSE

AND BARNS AND SHOOTS HIMSELF.

Wilkesbarre, Penn., May 24.-Joseph Kohuke, a all-to-do German farmer, living near Triangular ske, in Dorrance Township, to avoid arrest for treatening his wife, who had left him, last night strained to the ground his comfortable dwellingsmed to the ground his comfortable dwellingsme and two of his barns, and then going into
be of the latter buildings while it was ablaze bew
it his brains with a shotgun. His body was found
it he ruins burned to a crisp. There was no insmarce on the property.

Kohuke was fifty-four years of age, and his causemand insane jealousy of his wife is supposed to

ave turned his brain.

OIL TANKS THREATENED BY FIRE.

Paterson, N. J., May 24 (Special).-Fire destroyed story brick stable and wagon shed of the andard Oil Company, in Railroad-ave., this aftersioped the entire structure when the fire department arrived. The situation was fraught with conderable danger, as fifty feet away were two large tanks containing thousands of gallons of oil. A peleading from the main tank was severed, and arged with considerable difficulty. Twenty-two were taken out. The loss is estimated at

GERMANY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

EXTREMISTS SUGGEST A PERMANENT EN-TENTE WITH THE TRANSVAAL

HAVE CAUSED THE DEATH OF ARCHDUKE

WITH HIS FAMILY.

Berlin, May 24.-The resolution which was passed by the Reichstag last Tuesday granting the Government a credit of 2,000,000 marks for the purp adding 420 men to the military force in German Southwest Africa, met with very slight opposition The action of the House fitted admirably with popular feeling and has delighted the colonial fingoes, who continue diligently to advance their South African boom. It is not the prospect of crushing the negroes in Southwest Africa, however, that elates the colonial party in Germany, "Neilste Nachrichten," which is the foremost of the colonial organs, makes no concealment of the hopes of the Colonials and reveals perhaps more upon the surface. The paper, after remarking that there is a community of interests between the fact that the territories are separated by Bechuanawhich Major Leutwein will have at his command Germany will acquire a position in Southwest Africa the influence of which is already felt in Capa The general situation, the "Neliste Nachrichten," continues, has undergone a change and time will plainly display its effects.

The annual meeting of the German Colonial Soclety will be held here on May 20, when a resolu-tion will be submitted promising the support of the ernment in promoting the neutrality of the Boer Republics as essential to the furtherance of German interests. This expression, however, will hardly have the effect of satisfying the more advanced of the Coionials, who indorse the demand of the "Neiste Nachrichten" for the establishment of an offensive and defensive alliance between Germany and the Transvaal. The speech made by Joseph Chamberiain, British Secretary of State for the Colonies, upon the occasion of the South African annual dinner at the Hotel Metropole in London, Thursday evening, in which he sharply criticised the action of the Transvaal Government for their vindictive treatment of the Johannesburg Reform Committee prisoners, is vehemently denounced by the entire German press, the "National Zeitung" expressing regret that President Krüger should have shown so great a degree of magnanimity toward the prisoners. This expression, however,

John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, formerly Pos master-General of the United States, during his recent visit here entered into negotiations for the purchase of Munkacsy's latest painting "Eco-Homo," but with what result it is not known.

The Khans, trotting-horse owners of Hamburg. have purchased the American trotters Bullet and Gloria, and the Beerman brothers, of Charlotten-burg, have bought Doctor Austin and Lucy W. The horses will go into the possession of their new owners after the close of the West End races, in which they are entered.

A great deal of regret is felt in court circles here at the death of Archduke Charles Louis, of Austria, brother of Emperor Francis Joseph, who died in Vienna a few days ago. The Archduke was regard here as a thoroughly good, though by no means a brilliant, man, and was liked by all who came into contact with him. It is said that the illness which caused his death was ascribed by his physicians to his drinking of the waters of the river Jordan, which he did as a matter of religious devotion upon the occasion of his recent pligrimage to Palestine. The water of the Jordan is by no means pure, and in the case of the Archduke it had a tendency to bring on intestinal weakness which could not be overcome.

umns of the "North German Gazette" explaining that the proposal in the Sugar Tax bill empowering that the proposal in the Sugar tax bit empowering the Bundesrath to reduce or annul sugar bountles as soon as other countries take the same action is associated with the resumption of negotiations with France and Austria pointing to an agreement to gradual abolition of bountles. France, which has hitherto been the chief obstacle in the way of the reduction of abolishment of sugar bountles, is now understood to be willing to assent to consideration of the question of a simultaneous reduction in an international conference. of the question of a sim international conference.

The Whitsuntida holidays began with perfec-The Whitsuntida holidays began with perfect weather. The sun shone brightly throughout the day and the churches were filled with worshippers. The Emperor returned to Potsdam last evening, and the whole imperial family were assembled, the clider of the young princes, Crown Prince William and Prince Eitel-Frederick, having come from Plon, where they are at school, to join the family circle. Excursion trains crowded to their utmost capacity brought thousands of persons to the capital to-day.

A REMARKABLE PROCEEDING.

THE POSTMASTER OF CRIPPLE CREEK BURNS WAGONLOADS OF MAIL MATTER.

Cripple Creek, Col., May 24.-Wagonload after wagonioad of mail matter was taken from the Cripple Creek postoffice yesterday afternoon to the city dump, where an attempt was made by the postmaster's assistants to burn it. Many citizens went out to the dump and saved some of their mail. went out to the dump and saved some of their mail. In nearly every instance the mail thrown away was plainly addressed, the box number appearing in full view. Mail was there for some of the most prominent citizene of the camp.

When Postmaster Rose was called upon for an explanation, he said the burning was done on the authority of the postoffice inspector, and acknowledged that some mail was destroyed which ought not to have been. An official investigation will be made.

INDIANA'S OLDEST INHABITANT DEAD.

UNCLE" DANIEL FREDERICK DIES AT THE AGE OF 107 YEARS.

Vincennes, Ind., May 24.-"Uncle" Daniel Fred erick, aged 107 years, is dead. He was born and reared in this county, and was the oldest resident in the State.

LITTLE GIRLS AS PICKPOCKETS.

CAUGHT IN CENTRAL PARK WITH A QUANTITY OF PLUNDER IN THEIR POSSESSION.

Detectives McGinty and Savage, of the Central Park police, made the arrest yesterday afternoon in the lion house of three girls, the oldest being thirteen and the youngest eleven years old, who had been operating on the pockets of the throng of visitors who filled the place.

When taken before Sergeant Hodgins at the Arsenal the girls gave their names as Rachel Donath, twelve years old, of No. 12) Willett-st.; Lena Rangle, thirteen years old, of No. 348 East Houston-st., and Rosa Donath, eleven years old, a sister of Rachel. When searched Rachel had several purace, a silver watch, a two-dollar bill and a lace handkerchief concealed in her underclothing. The purses contained 26 cents in all Rosa Donath had a purse containing 23 cents, one silk handkerchief and a gold chain, with charms attached. Lena Rangle had a purse containing 45 cents and a penknife, a silver watch, one gold chain, one gold ring and one rolled-gold chain. Captain Collins questioned Rachel Donath closely, and she confessed that she had been arrested twice before on a similar charge. She also told the captain that she stole, and brought the two other girls with her to carry the plunder. They were sent to the Gerry Society. When taken before Sergeant Hodgins at the Ar-

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE IN DELIRIUM.

Charles Peterson, a Swedish laborer, twenty-nine years old, who boards at No. 690 East One-hundredand-sixty-fourth-st., cut his throat early yesterday morning while in the delirium that sometimes preedes convalescence from pneumonia. Mrs. Tildi eggnogg at midright and left the tumbler on a chair by his bedeide. About half an hour later she heard a sound of breaking glass, and went to Peter-son's room. Peterson said that he had let the tumbler fall. The room was only faintly lighted and she did not notice that he had cut a deep gash around his throat from ear to ear. Nearly an hour afterward she discovered his night-clothing drenched with blood.

with blood.

She called in a policeman and Peterson was sent to Fordham Hospital a prisoner on the charge of attempted suicide. At the hospital yesterday Dr. Rellly said that the man was in a serious condition owing to the complication of ailments.

HARVARD COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS.

Cambridge, Mass., May 24.-The commencement speakers at Harvard will be as follows: From the college, D. H. Chase, of Lynn; J. G. Palfry, of Belmont; W. A. Parker, of Cambridge, and A. C. Train, of Boston. From the Graduate School, R. M. Alden, of Washington, and F. H. Savage, of Boston. From the Law School, H. M. Dowling, of New-Albany, Ind. Captain Bullard, of the 'Varsity crew, announced to-day that the quadrangular intercollegiate race would be rowed at Poughkeepsie.

MORE DESERTIONS OF THE MACHINE IN PROSPECT.

DRINKING FROM THE RIVER JORDAN SAID TO MR. PLATT ISSUES HIS USUAL SUNDAY NIGHT

FORT-HE FIGHTS SHY OF

WARNER MILLER. The Platt end of the anti-McKinley combination had chagrin at Senator Quay's visit to Canton, norhad the gloom lifted which fell upon the State machine's headquarters when Warner Miller began to express the Presidential question and to denounce Mr. Platt's assault upon Major McKinley as wholly in

defensible in political warfare. Ex-Senator Miller was expected in the city yesterday, and it was known at the Platt headquarters in the Flifth Avenue Hotel that a great many Republicans who have bitherto allied themselves with the machine, were waiting to congratulate the stand he has taken for McKinley, and to assure him that they were prepared to join him destroying the political power of Mr. Platt. Mr. Miller decided to remain at his home in Herkime over Sunday, but his declaration from that point, already been declared, sounded like a bugle-call in respond to it and to join in the plan to overthrow the machine and take from McKinley's enemies the conduct of his campaign,

The news from Herkimer that Mr. Miller was ready to lead a revolt against Platt's further usurpation, and the news from Beaver, Penn., showing with the Presidential Trust and would place no obstacles in the way of making McKinley's nomination unanimous at St. Louis, has undoubtedly unlowers in this city and throughout the State one of the main spokes in the anti-McKinley wheel, was on his way to Canton to ask absolution was alse a rumor that Mr. Clarkson, of Iowa, had sent to Ohio to learn upon what terms he might

"LAST DITCH" POLITICS NOT ABANDONED. distressing to Mr. Platt and his immediate Beuten ants, but he determined to send out one more Sun day proclamation to convince the public that he has

The proclamation was given out last evening, as Republican State headquarters, and let out the iming about the political situation." But the "talk" was weak compared to Mr. Platt's former efforts. The knowledge that the certain nomination of Mc-Kinley will shortly deprive the Tloga man of many

But Mr. Platt has the "business interests of the maintenance of the gold standard and as to the

controversy with Mr. Miller on the main issue. On this point Mr. Platt says: "I observe that ex-Senator Miller, in a recent interview, says that I have no commission to speak for our delegation on It is a small matter whether I have or

at which it was resolved to place Governor Morton in the field, having been the first man there to advocate that action, and the first man there to advocate that action, and the first man there to advocate that action, and the first man there to advocate that action, and the first man there to advocate that action, and the first man to remain the world by a formal interview when the conference anjourned, he, of course, will be the Governor a stanchest supporter in the convention. He says I must not speak for him, but I can certainly recall his record in the matter, and can at least express enough confidence in his character as a man to say that he will keep faith with intacelf and make good his profineses.

What is true of Mr. Miller in this respect is similarly true of the other decegates whether they represent districts or the State at large. It should be plain to the public that all this Mckaniely hullabaled in New-York is simply so much empty sound. It will not affect the vote at St. Louis of a single New-York delegate. It is a familiar noise, we hear it every spring and fall. It proceeds from the same old crowd of 'antis' who have been performing in this way these many years. And there is not an intelligent man who does not know that if the regular organization to day were advocating McKinley, all these prop • would be denounting McKinley and decaring him untit for public station." AN APPEAL TO HIS RECORD.

Mr. Platt tries to create the impression that he has no intention of "bolting" McKinley's nomination. regularly ever since he cast his first ballot for John ont in 1856, and declares that he has never voted for a Democratic candidate for a National, voted for a Democratic candidate for a National, State or local onice. 'The regular Republican organization,' he affirms, 'will make in the approaching campaign the stoutest fight it has ever made for the Republican ticket, without requiring either the advice or the assistance of the guerillas.'

But nothing Mr. Platt says does away with Mr. Miller's comment that Mr. Platt cannot support Major McKinley unless he retracts the calumnica he has uttered against the choice of the Republicans of the Union for President.

REVOLT OF THE YAQUI INDIANS.

ARMS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN SHIPPED FOR THEM FROM THE UNITED STATES TO MEXICO. St. Louis, Mo., May 24 -- A special from Hermo silia, Mex., says: Advices have just been received by the Government authorities of an alleged ship ment of rifles, pistols and ammunition from the town below here. It is said that an American to the Yaqui Indians, and the latter are preparing for a more vigorous warfare against the Mexican settlers than ever. A band of about 100 Yaquis at-tacked the ranch of Miquel Jerena, near Sarinposo, and killed four ranch employes and burned all the buildings. A large force of Federal troops are in the turbulent territory, and have had a number of skirmishes with the Indians.

MAYOR OF HOT SPRINGS KILLS A MAN.

THE VICTIM A DOCTORS DRUMMER, WHO HAD STOPPED TO ARGUE WITH HIS HONOR.

Hot Springs, Ark., May 24.-One of the most sen sational assaults that ever occurred in this city took place last night at 8 o'clock on Whittingtonwere W. W Waters, Mayor of Hot Springs, and H. Martin, a drummer, employed by doctors. Waters since taking the office of Mayor has made a bold stand against the disreputable doctor drum-

a bold stand against the disreputable doctor drumming element in this city, and has had many of the drummers arrested and heavily fined by the City Court. Martin, who was the recognized king of the drummers, was arrested several days ago for drumming without wearing a badge and heavily fined by the police judge.

Meeting Mayor Waters on the street last evening, Martin stopped him and endeavored to get him to remit the fire. This the Mayor positively refused to do and started toward his home. Martin followed and kept abusing him and finally caught him by the shoulder. A scuffle ensued, during which the Mayor orew a knife from his pocket and cut Martin in the neck, severing the jugular vein. The latter oiled in ten minutes.

Mayor Waters immediately gave himself up to the officers and is now under arrest. Tom Mathias, a nephew of Waters, endeavored to separate the combatants and was severely cut in several places.

Santa Fe, N. M., May 24.-The Atchison, Topeks and Santa Fe Company will to-morrow start a surto run a line to Phoenix, Ariz., with a view to building an independent line to the Pacific Coast, in case it falls to buy the Atlantic and Pacific at the foreclosure sale July 8. A line from Victor, Cal., Ash Fork, Ariz., has already been surveyed.

GLOOM GETTING THICKER. THE COURTS MUST DECIDE HIS CAREER LIKE HOLMES'S. THE VOICE OF BUSINESS MEN.

CONTROLLER ROBERTS WILL REFUSE TO PAY LYMAN'S SPECIAL AGENTS.

ADVISED BY EMINENT LAWYERS THAT GOVER-NOR MORTON'S DECISION PLACING THESE

CLASS IS ILLEGAL [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIPUNE.]

Albany, May 24.-James A. Roberts, the State Controller, is making careful preparation to contest in the courts the decision of Governor Mor-Henry H. Lyman, the State Excise Commis- pastor of the church, the Rev. F. Hermann, is acsioner, in the non-competitive class. To-morrow he will make public the opinions of several eminent lawyers, to the effect that the new Concompetitive examination. It will be remembered that on Thursday last the State Civil Service Commissioners announced that fourteen of the men who had submitted to non-competitive examinasimple examination required, and therefore were rejected. Thirteen of the men who submitted to examinations for special agents, however, did pass, and therefore the Civil Service Commis sioners will certify to Controller Roberts this fact, with a request that they be put upon the payroll. Here is where Mr. Roberts proposes to act in a hostile manner.

"I do not believe," he said to-day, "that these men have received their appointment in the manner prescribed by the Constitution, and therefore I shall not pay them their salaries until the courts rule that I must. The Constitution says that all men appointed to places in the State aminations whenever practicable. The Constitution declares that appointments and promotions in the Civil Service of the State and of all the civil divisions thereof, including cities and by examinations, which, so far as practicable, shall be competitive. In my opinion the examination of these special agents is perfectly practicable, and will be so decided by the courts. I have asked opinions on the subject from Dor-

I have asked opinions on the subject from Dorman B. Eaton, Everett P. Wheeler, Joseph H. Choate and Elihu Root, of New-York; John G. Milburn, of Buffalo, and Matthew Hale, of Albany. All of these gentlemen have responded to my request except Mr. Choate, who is such a busy man that I do not wonder that he has found it impossible to do the work."

"What do Messrs, Eaton, Wheeler, Root, Milburn and Hale say in their opinions?"

"They are unanimously of the opinion that the Constitution commands that these special agents shall be required to submit to a competitive examination. And the interesting circumstance about their opinion is that they reach the same conclusion by different roads. Mr. Root and Mr. Eaton have written quite elaborate opinions. don by different roads. conclusion by different roads. Mr. Reof and are Eaton have written quite elaborate opinions. That of Mr. Milburn and Mr. Wheeler is a joint one. I shall make public these opinions to-morrow. I think the people of the State, after reading these opinions, will believe that I have good cause for declining to pay the salaries of these special agents until the courts have passed upon the legality of their appointment. If I should special agents until the courts have passed upon the legality of their appointment. If I should pay their salaries illegally I would be personally responsible for the money thus fllegally paid out. One of Excise Commissioner Lyman's reasons for urging that these special agents be put in the non-competitive class was that he could not secure them swiftly enough under a competitive system. That argument I do not think was sound, and the failure of the fourteen applicants for places as special agents indicates that no time has been gained by the Excise Department. Messrs, Milburn, Root, Eaton and Wheeler hold that the Legitature has no legal authority to pass a law which will require the appointment of persons to office in such haste that the Constitution itself cannot be obeyed.

SHOT ON A PLEASURE TRIP.

FUSES TO TELL WHO WOUNDED HIM. The Diamond Pleasure Club started yesterday morning from Sixty-second-st, and East River, with two barges and a tug for a trip around Staten Island. Fighting began on the homeward journey friends, all of whom were locked up by the Ellza-both police as witnesses. They are Francis Brad-ley of No. 18 Pike-set. John Condon, of No. 64 First-sve. Edward Carr, of No. 219 Avenue A.; Francis Harsnett, of No. 70 First-ave, and Martin Delaney, of East Forty-ninth-st. The man who did the shooting was not arrested, as he remained on the shoot Harmon was taken to the Alexian Brothers' boat Harmon was taken to the Alexian Brothers' Hospital in Elizabeth. He would not disclose the name of his assailant and the men locked up also refuse to reveal his name.

A BIG OIL LEASE MADE.

THE PHOENIX COMPANY, OF WEST VIRGINIA, SE-CURES 1,500,000 ACRES OF THE OSAGE. RESERVATION.

Kansas City, Mo., May 24. During the last week there has been made the biggest oil lease made in recent years. After negotiations extending through two years the Phoenix Oil Company, of West Virginia, has secured a long lease on land in the Osage ginia, has secured a long lease on land in the Osage Indian Reservation, comprising over 1,899,000 acres. Arrangements have been made to begin sinking wells at once.

A few months ago the Osage Indian Council finally gave consent to the lease, and the contract was prepared and executed, after the Indian Affairs Department at Washington had been consulted and the Indians assured a royalty of the output of any wells that might be struck. The president of the company is Albert T. Fancher, of Ruffaio, and the vice-president is N. G. Read, of Boston; Elvin B. Foster, of New-York is secretary. The company will have an office in New-York City, and one at Buffaio, and the headquarters of the operations will be at Pawhuska I. T.

TO GO TO SEA TO-DAY.

THE WARSHIPS WILL MAKE A SHORT CRUISE FOR

SMALL ARM PRACTICE.

Four of the five warships which have been hored off Tompkinsville, Staten Island, for the last few weeks, will go to sea this forenoon for a trip which it is expected will end by Tuesday night or Wednesday morning. The four to sail are the New-York, the flagship of the squadron; the Cincinnati, Montgomery and Raleigh. The little green ram Katahdin will remain in her lonely glory to the attention of visitors until the other vessels return. The trip is for the purpose of having small arm drills and boat practice, and possibly some night signalling. There are hardly enough vessels at present with the squadron to attempt any com-

at present with the squadron to attempt any complicated or extensive fleet drills or manoeuvres, and none will be tried until more of the big ships have reported for duty.

There was the usual Sunday swarm of visitors at the vessels yesierday, and the boats of the ships and a big fleet of private boats were kept on a continual rush conveying passengers to and fro. All who went out to the ships were made welcome, the New-York, as usual, catching the lion's share of the sightseers. The steadiness with which the popular interest in the ships has expressed itself by the number of visitors has been a great source of gratification to the officers as well as the men on the white cruisers, ar outside of the pride they naturally take in their temporary homes they feel that the more intimate acquaintance which an enormous number of people have made with the Nation's ships will be of beneficial effect in influencing public sentiment on the question of the increase of the Navy.

This view is also held by the officers at the Navy Yard, who have been pleasantly surprised by the number of visitors who have shown interest in the Indiana, as well as the amount of knowledge of things maritime and naval which the great mass of the visitors have possessed.

Chicago, May 24.—Four people were burned to death and one injured for life by a fire which oc-curred this morning at No. 148 Townsend-st. At wife and three children. At 8 o'clock this morning stove when the gasoline exploded and set fire to the building. The structure was of wood and the family were all on the second floor in bed, with the exception of Mrs. Maim. The fire spread rapidly, and cries of agony from the burning people were the first warning that outsiders had of the fire. Before the Fire Department responded to an alarm, Otto Malm, the father, was burned to death. The children, Otto, aged eight: Allen, three, and Hylla, six, were taken out alive, but were badly burned. Mrs. Malm will recover. stove when the gasoline exploded and set fire to the

A MINISTER SUSPECTED OF KILLING MANY WOMEN.

HIS LAST TWO VICTIMS SLAIN IN HIS CHURCH FULL CONFIDENCE IN HIS SOUNDNESS ON TO AT SALT LAKE CITY-POLICE LOOKING FOR THE REV. FRANCIS HERMANN.

Sait Lake City, Utah, May 24.-The people of this city are greatly excited over the murder of two double crime committed by Durrant in San Francisco. No less than seven persons, most of them women, it is now believed, have been killed by the person accused of the murder of the two women. The of the murders. The scene of the crimes was the First Scandinavian Church in this city. Last year the pastor's wife died, and he engaged Miss Clawson, an attractive young woman of twenty-five, to look after his apartments in the church building. In September last Miss Clawson suddenly disappeared and has not pearance, the pastor, although the weather was hot at that season, ordered a big fire built in the furnace in the basement of the church. He sent everybody away, and lighting the fire himself kept it going for

Persons in the neighborhood detected odors at the time and remonstrated with Hermann, but he said cold weather came. It was in this furnace a few days ago that the body of Miss Clawson, together with blackened razors, a butcher knife, and part of

The other victim is Miss Annie Samuelson. She teriously disappeared in February last, and it is supposed her body is concealed somewhere about church. The police, who have been secretly working of which is covered with human blood. Bloodstains

were also found on the furnace door and noor.

The Rev. Mr. Hermann, for whose arrest a warrant
has been issued on the charge of murder, left Salt
Lake on May 19 for Kansas City, thence to Decorah,
lowa, on a missionary tour. Since his departure he
has not been heard of, and telegrams sent to both
Kansar City and Decorah have falled to bring tidings
of him. Among his effects here, which are in the
hands of the police, are letters, articles of Jewelry
and clothing belonging to both the dead girls.

Further developments in the tragedy lead to the
belief that the Rev. Francis Hermann is a man with
a record of crime little less extensive than that of

and clothing belonging to both the dead girls. Further developments in the tragedy lead to the belief that the Rev. Francis Hermann is a man with a record of crime little less extensive than that of the notorious Holmes. His first wife died in England under suspicious circumstances. He was pastor of a Scandinavian church at West Superior, Wis., in 1890 and 1891, and there married a highly respectable woman, who in less than a year died suddenly with her two-weeks-old baby. An inquest was held, but nothing beyond a suspicion of foul play was elicited. Hermann soon married again, and came to Salt Lake in 1894 with his wife. Before long a baby was born, and the mother and child died suddenly a few weeks after.

Then his acquaintance with Miss Clawson began, and it is charged in the complaint, which has been sworn to by John Sanson, a member of the church here, that he murdered and cremated the body in the heating furnace in the church basement.

Hermann was ingaged to marry Miss Samuelson in February of this year, but she disappeared, and it is charged that he poisoned her after betraying her, and carved up the body in the church cellar. As far as yet discovered, it is believed he has murdered seven persons. Miss Clawson came to Sait Lake from Omaha seven years ago. She was a native of Sweden, and as far as known had no relatives in this country, but she had many friends here and was considered a respectable girl.

Miss Samuelson was employed as a nursery governes in a good family here, and left her piace to be married to the preacher. She has an aunt and other relatives living here, and left her piace to be married to the preacher. She has an aunt and other relatives living here, and left her piace to he married to the preacher. She has an aunt and other relatives living here, and left her piace to he married to the preacher. She has an aunt and other relatives living here, and left her piace to he married to the preacher. She has an aunt and other relatives living here, and left her piace to he married to the pr

ARRESTED AS A SWINDLER.

THE SUPPOSED HEAD OF THE BOGUS BLANK" FIRM IN CUSTODY.

Two detectives from the Leonard-st, station vester. day succeeded in capturing the man believed to be the last two months. The man arrested yesterday is Captain Cross, of the Fifth Precinct, followed Sec-He was taken ashore in a lifeboat by five of his and Lexington-ave. While the detectives were friends, all of whom were locked up by the Eliza- watching the house yesterday morning, Seelig came

and Lexington-ave. While the detectives were watching the house yesterday morning, Seellg came along and was placed under arrest. He was taken to the Leonard-st. station and locked up.

The two men who were arrested on Saturday were remanded in Captain Cross's care until to-day, when all three prisoners will be arraigned before Magistrate Kudlich, in the Centre Street Court. The charge against them is attempted grand larceny, and Captain Cross says he thinks there will be little trouble in convicting them.

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Captain Cross has 776 letters addressed to B. Blank, No. 28 Murray-st. They form part of the correspondence leading up to the point where the victims shipped their goods to the supposed reputable firm of B. Blank. These shippers evidently thought they were dealing with B. Blank, of No. 34 Greenwich-st., who is a reputable dealer in the same merchandise that the bogus B. Blank firm swindled its country correspondents out of. In the two months that the bogus firm has been doing business it must have received thousands of dollars' worth of wines, cigars, leather, canned goods and groceries from its victims. Henry Seellg, the man arrested yesterday, is a brother of Franz Seelig, who was arrested on Saturday. The men now under arrest are Henry Seelig, Franz Seelig and William Matzner.

. TERRIFIC WESTERN STORMS.

TORNADOES AND HEAVY RAINS CAUSING HAVOC ON THE PLAINS.

Needesha, Kan., May 24.-A tornado passed through the western part of this county early yesterday morning. La Fontaine, a village of 200 souls, was almost destroyed. Two business houses, the Missouri Pacific Depot and the Christian Church were wrecked and almost every house in the village was damaged. A score of farmhouses, north, east and west, were destroyed. Aaron Edwards, a farmer, was fatally injured, and many others were severely hurt. The aggregate loss on buildings and property is \$25,000. Hail and rain accompanied the wind and destroyed every vestige of vegetation. damage to crops is incalculable. The area of the damaged district is about seventy-five square miles. Council Bluffs, Iowa, May 24.—A terrific storm visited the village of Ellis, in the northern portion of

Iowa, last night. No lives were lost and the property loss is not great. erty loss is not great.

Iowa Falls, Iowa, May 24.—A heavy electrical storm passed over this city yesterday afternoon. Four boits struck within the city limits, one prostrating a man and team and killing one horse. A cloud-burst north of here flooded large sections, doing considerable damage. A heavy hall in the same section damaged the rye crop and stripped fruit trees. The streams are overflowing. It is still raining.

Eldorado, Iowa, May 24.-One of the heaviest rains of the season fell here yesterday afternoon, amour ing almost to a cloudburst. One and a half inche of water fell in ten minutes. Five miles north of here a washout occurred on the Iowa Central Rail-way, delaying trains. Burlington, Iowa, May 24.-A heavy rain and hail-

Holmes Church was destroyed and the smokestacks of the Atlas Mills demolished. South of town the storm developed into a tornado.

storm struck this county and city this evening.

between this city and State Centre swept away nearly a mile of the Chicago and Northwestern tracks, doing great damage to growing crops and

AN ENTIRE FAMILY MURDERED. Ava, Mo., May 24.-The whole Sawyer family, con

sisting of father, mother and grown son, were found murdered in their home, one mile east of this place, yesterday. Ernest E. Sawyer, the son, had stab wounds in throat and right breast, had both broken and head and face beaten to a jelly. He had broken and head and face beaten to a jelly. He had been murdered in the barn and the body dragged to the house. The skulis of both father and mother were crusted. The three bodies were found plied together under a bed and covered with a bland together under a bed and covered with a bland to the collect of the crime appears to have been rebery. The Sawyers came here from Linn County, Iowa, lact November. A young man who was seen in company with young Sawyer on Wednesday evening is missing. He is suspected of the crime, and if he is captured a lynching is probable PRICE THREE CENTS.

A PROTEST AGAINST MACHINE ATTACKS

ON M'KINLEY.

NANCE-VIEWS OF BANKERS, MERCHANTS AND MANUFACTURERS IN CITIES OF

> THIS STATE-THEY TESTIFY TO THEIR OPINIONS BY THEIR SIG-

The absurd effort of the Platt machine to make it appear that the financial and business men of this State were in a panic over McKinley's record has naturally aroused great indignation on the part of the friends of the leading Presidential candidate and reputable people gencrally. This resentment has assumed various forms. Warner Miller has expressed it, and other leading members of the party have echoed it; and there is no doubt that it has done far more to help McKinley's campaign than to infure his prospects.

feeling of the business men of this State on this question the McKinley League of the State of New-York caused a protest to the National Committee to be sent in to the various important centres of the State. This protest has been circulated for the last few days in this city, Brooklyn and the other large cities of the State, and responses to it are coming in every day. It will be noticed that these protests are not confined to men who have been identified with

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Mr. McKinley's canvass. Cornellus N. Bliss, for example, is a strong supporter of Governor Morton. City Chamberlain McCook is also a Morton delegate; so is Colonel Cruger. Mayor Strong has been for Mr. Morton's nomination from the beginning, but he feels, as do most Republicans, that the attack on Mr. McKinley has been utterly unwarranted and indefensible.

Among those on the Buffalo circular will be noticed the name of State Controller James A. Roberts, who was and always has been a strong advocate of Mr. Morton's nomination. The Binghamton list is unusually strong; so is that of Yonkers, Brooklyn and Buffalo. In Syracuse every prominent banking man, with the exception of Francis Hendricks, Platt's representative in Onondaga County, signed the paper. The New-York names speak for themselves. It is only fair to say in behalf of New-York that there are hundreds more of the merchants and financiers who would be glad to sign the list, but there was not time to look them up. The business men of New-York, whom Mr.

Platt and his Democratic newspaper friends thought to arouse, have not responded to the call. They are perfectly satisfied that Mr. Mc-Kinley's financial record is just as good as that of the Republican party. The dominant sentiment in mercantile and financial circles to-day regarding the attack on the leading Presidential andidate is, as the Messrs. Seligman declared the other day, "wholly uncalled for and unwarranted." The views of the Seligmans are those of the leading financiers of the n.etropolis. John A. Stewart is averse to talking for publication, but it can be said that Mr. Stewart will be satisfied with McKinley's nomination, and it can also be said that before J. Pierpont Morgan salled for Europe he expressed himself to a friend as being perfectly satisfied to support either Benjamin Harrison or William McKinley. There is not a corporal's guard of honest, disinterested Republican financiers in New-York who are worrying over Mr. McKinley's views on the money question. Men who are shouting the loudest are Democrats, Tammany men and followers of Platt, and nothing that Mr. McKinley could say or do would alter their opinion in the

slightest degre?. "Is Major McKinley, in your judgment, as sound as Reed, Allison or Morton on the currency?" a Tribune reporter asked James Seligman last Friday.

"There is no doubt about it," was the promp reply, "and I am in hearty sympathy with the movement in favor of his nomination."

More emphatic still is the following circular, which was sent to the Republican National Committee, and is similar to others that have been circu'ated throughout the State by the McKinley League:

FROM NEW-YORK BUSINESS MEN. To the Republican National Committee.

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Gentlemen: Your attention is respectfully called by the undersigned Republican voters of New-York to the efforts that are being made here to disparage the candidacy of Mr. McKinley by asserting that he is unsound on the money question, and consequently an unsafe man to elect President. Such assertiors we believe to be wholly unwarranted. Mr. McKinley, in our judgment, is as sound of finance as any gentleman whose name has been mentioned in connection with the Presidency, and, if elected, would prove entirely satisfactory to the business interests of this country.

We say this not because of any desire to influence the convention unduly in his favor—some of us, in fact, are pledged to support other candidates—but to place before you, the highest council of the party organization, our protest against the unfair attacks that have been made upon a worthy and honored leader of the party. It is not in the interest of the Republican party, it is not in the interest of the Republican party, it is not in the interest of the Republican party, it is not in the interest of the Republican party, it is not in the interest of the Republican party, it is not in the interest of the Republican party, it is not in the interest of the Republican party, it is not in the interest of the Republican party. It is not in the interest of the Republican party, it is not in the interest of the Republican party, it is not in the interest of the Republican party, it is not in the interest of the Republican party, it is not in the interest of the Republican party, it is not in the interest of the Republican party, it is not in the interest of the Republican party, it is not in the interest of the Republican party, it is not in the interest of the Republican party, it is not in the interest of the Republican party, it is not in the interest of the Republican party, it is not in the interest of the Republican party, it is not in the interest of the Republican party, it is not in the interest of the Republi

THE RESPONSE FROM BROOKLYN. Nearly all of the Republican bankers in Brooklyn who were asked to sign the circular did so with pleasure, but many of the financial men of

that city were out of town or could not be found in the ling time at the disposal of the committee of the McKinley League. Among the signers were the following: HUBERT G. TAYLOR, County Treasurer of Kings and Treasurer of city of Brooklyn. WILLIAM H. HAZZARD, president Fulton Bank.

JAMES GASCOINE, president People's Bank. C. H. TIEBOUT, president North Side Bank. EUGENE F. BARNES, treasurer East Brooklyn

JUDGE GEORGE B. REYNOLDS, counsel to large financial interests. CHESTER B. LAWRENCE, Lawrence, Sons & Gerrish, warehouse men. Among other financiers for McKinley are Darwin R. James, president East Brooklyn Savings

Bank, and Howard M. Smith, vice-president Bed-

ford Bank. These have expressed to Mr. Fitchie their sympathy with the movement. MANY SIGNERS IN YONKERS.

In Yonkers, where a committee of the McKinley League had opportunity to see nearly all of the Republican bankers and business men, the elrcular was signed by the following:

JOHN T. WARING, director in the First National Bank, and president of the Waring Hat Manu-facturing Company, the largest hat factory in the world. He employs over 1,600 hands the year round.

GEORGE B. WRAY, wholesale and retail druggist, Health Commissioner, and manufacturer of pro-prietary articles. CHARLES E. WARING, president Citizens' Na-tional Bank. E. J. ELTING, director in the Citizens' National

H. J. ANDRUS, a director in the Citizens' National Bank and vice-president of the Palisade Manu-facturing Company.

PETER J. ELTING, vice-president Citizens' Na-tional Bank. EX-MAYOR JAMES H. WELLER, trustee Yon-kers Savings Bank, and drygoods merchant. NORTON P. OTIS, president of the Otis Passenger Elevator Works, and Otis Ejectric Manufactur-